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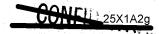
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- It is nearly a year since the end of the war, but no Germans have been told what they are to do.
- 2. The Germans have lived under difficult economic restrictions in the Northeast. Because of the import restrictions and forced sales policy of the former Manchukuo state, most of the German firms went out of business. The German staff was kept only because the favorable exchange rate between Manchurian yuan and Reichmarks
- 3. Considerable losses were suffered by German firms and individuals during the Russian occupation from August 1945 to March 1946.
- 4. When the Mational Government took over, the assets of the German firms were registered through the German Liaison Office and finally confiscated. Larger residences had to be cleared by their German occupants, and much furniture was confiscated. Germans who had thus lost their means of subsistence or their homes, were temporarily taken in by friends. It was expected, therefore, that decisions
- 5. The situation for most German residents is now desperate. The cost of living has increased manyfold; most private effects not absolute essential have been sold. It has not been possible to find jobs. Travel to China proper, to Shanghai or Tientsin, where there are better possibilities for finding work, is impossible, as
- 6. Many Germans desire to return to Germany as soon as possible. They are aware of the hardships to be expected at home; but they feel that it will be easier to exist with the short rations, which cost little in Germany, instead of staying under the better living conditions in China, without jobs, and therefore without



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the organization of the German Liaison Office was ordered by the Mational Government. Within one month, all investigations and interrogations were carried out. The government received lists and descriptions of persons, their political and economic activities, education, experience, family relations, residence in China, etc. This office has repeatedly pointed out the desperate position of the German residents here, but no decision has been made as to the proper action to be taken.

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